

19. Apparatus as defined in claim 18, further comprising a fill tube having a portion located in said inflatable vehicle occupant protection device, said fill tube delivering said inflation fluid to said inflatable vehicle occupant protection device to inflate said inflatable vehicle occupant protection device.

20. Apparatus as defined in claim 19, wherein said inflator comprises:

a container for storing said inflation fluid under pressure, said container having an outlet passage through which said inflation fluid flows from said container toward said inflatable vehicle occupant protection device;

a rupturable closure member fixed to said container and blocking flow of said inflation fluid through said passage; and

an initiator which, when actuated, causes said closure member to rupture to allow said inflation fluid to flow through said passage.

21. Apparatus as defined in claim 20, further comprising a support for supporting said closure member against the pressure of said inflation fluid in said container, said initiator, when actuated, causing said support to collapse, said closure member rupturing under the pressure of said inflation fluid and opening said passage to provide a flow of inflation fluid from said container through said passage.

~~22. Apparatus as defined in claim 19, wherein said inflator comprises:~~